

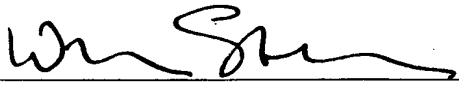


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RCE of  
Applic. No. : 09/878,665, filed June 11, 2001      **Confirmation No: 2035**  
Inventor : Ulrich Deiss  
RCE Filed : February 6, 2004  
Title : Dishrack for Accomodating Dishes, and Household Dishwasher  
TC/A.U. : 3634  
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(4)

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(4), the following statements of relevance are submitted with regard to the prior art references filed with the RCE on January 6, 2004:

German Utility Model No. DE 297 22 001 U1 discloses a rack for dishwashers with pivotable prongs. The prongs are fixed on a shaft in the form of a comb. The bearing of the shaft is movable on a curve. The prongs on the shaft have only one end.

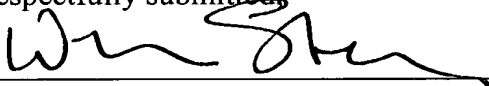
German Utility Model No. DE 296 18 924 U1 discloses a rack for dishwashers. A planar retaining configuration is pivotable about a horizontal axis. The retaining configuration can include U-shaped prongs which have two ends.

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German Published, Non-Prosecuted Patent Application No. DE 44 37 472 A1 to Steck discloses a rack for a dishwasher. A basket for dishes is made of longitudinal wires and cross wires. The basket can include prongs, which are, for example U-shaped.

German Utility Model Application No. 1 960 802 to Giesbert discloses a rack for dishwashers. A basket for dishes includes a pivotable lattice which contains prongs with two angled ends.

Respectfully submitted,



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